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SUBJECT: NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY, SUBGROUP ON LOGISTICS

REF: USNATO 0477

1. YOU SHOULD ENDORSE THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE LOGISTICS  
SPECIALIZATION SUBGROUP. WE CONSIDER THE REPORT A  
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NECESSARY FIRST STEP TO IDENTIFY POSSIBILITIES FOR

NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIALIZATION/COOPERATION  
EFFORTS AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS THUS FAR.

2. IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SUBGROUP TO RECOMMEND  
THAT SOME PERMANENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION BE  
ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE VARIOUS  
COOPERATIVE BODIES LISTED IN ANNEX III SO AS TO  
PROVIDE BETTER CORRELATION OF INTERRELATED EFFORTS AND  
TO ENCOURAGE EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE  
EFFORTS BOTH WITHIN AND AMONG THESE GROUPS.

3. THE SUBGROUP SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES  
OF MAKING THE EUROGROUP PROGRAMS NATO-WIDE IF IT  
APPEARS THAT THIS COULD BE DONE WITHOUT SUBVERTING THE  
INTEGRITY OF THE EUROGROUP.

4. THE SUBGROUP SHOULD POINT OUT THAT POSSIBILITIES  
FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION EXIST IN ALL NATO REGIONS

AND MAY BE PURSUED ON A REGIONAL AS WELL AS ON A  
NATION-BY-NATION BASIS.

5. WE WELCOME THE INTEREST DISPLAYED IN THE US EFFORTS  
TO IMPROVE OUR WARTIME LOC AND YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR  
PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. DRAWING UPON THE FINDINGS OF  
BOTH WORKING PARTIES THE SUBGROUP MIGHT RECOMMEND  
COOPERATION ON WARTIME LOC FOR OTHER NATIONS AS WORTHY  
OF FURTHER EXPLORATION BY NATO.

FYI: ALTHOUGH WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR OVERALL  
SPECIALIZATION MATRIX IN A FORTHCOMING SEPTTEL, WE  
EXPECT THAT US REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE  
PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28 TO BRIEF THE MISSION AND  
APPROPRIATE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES. WE HOPE THIS  
BRIEFING WILL PLACE LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION IN  
PERSPECTIVE WITH OUR OVERALL GOAL OF FORCE  
RATIONALIZATION AND BEGIN A DIALOGUE IN NATO. DETAILS OF  
VISIT BY SEPTTEL TOMORROW. END FYI.  
UNTIL THE SUBGROUP BECOMES INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSION  
OF OUR PROPOSALS, IT COULD PROFITABLY ADDRESS ITSELF  
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TO THE VARYING DEGREE TO WHICH HOST NATION SUPPORT IS  
UTILIZED IN THE CENTRAL REGION TO RESOLVE BOTH WARTIME  
AND PEACETIME LOC PROBLEMS. THIS EFFORT CAN DRAW UPON  
THE INFORMATION PUT TOGETHER BY THE WORKING PARTY WITH  
OTHER AREAS BEING PASSED TO APPROPRIATE BODIES  
IDENTIFIED IN ANNEX III, FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
OR IMPLEMENTATION (DRAFT SUBGROUP RECOMMENDATION B).

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